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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

FACEBOOK, INC.,

Plaintiff,

-against-

POWER VENTURES, INC. d/b/a POWER.COM, a
California corporation; POWER VENTURES, INC.
a Cayman Island Corporation, STEVE VACHANI,
an individual; DOE 1, d/b/a POWER.COM, an
individual and/or business entity of unknown nature;
DOES 2 through 25, inclusive, individuals and/or
business entities of unknown nature,

Defendants.

Case No. 5:08-cv-05780 JW

**REPLY DECLARATION OF L.
TIMOTHY FISHER IN SUPPORT OF
DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR
SUMMARY JUDGMENT**

Date: January 23, 2012
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Courtroom 9 – 19th Floor
Chief Judge James Ware

1 I, L. Timothy Fisher, declare as follows:

2 1. I am a partner at Bursor & Fisher, P.A., counsel of record for Defendants Power
3 Ventures, Inc. ("Power") and Steve Vachani (collectively, "Defendants"). I am an attorney at law
4 licensed to practice in the State of California and a member of the bar of this Court. I make this
5 reply declaration in support of defendants' motion for summary judgment. I have personal
6 knowledge of the facts set forth in this declaration and, if called as a witness, I could and would
7 testify competently thereto.

8 2. Attached hereto as Exhibit A are true and correct copies of excerpts from the July
9 20, 2011 transcript of the deposition of Steven Vachani.

10 3. Facebook has requested a second deposition of Mr. Vachani. On September 22,
11 Facebook's counsel sent me an email requesting that Power "stipulate to a second day of
12 deposition with Mr. Vachani." On October 25, Facebook sent me a draft joint letter it intended to
13 submit to the Court requesting a second deposition of Mr. Vachani. Mr. Vachani agreed to a
14 second deposition, which is currently scheduled for January, 2012.

15 I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
16 foregoing is true and correct, executed on December 12, 2011 at Walnut Creek, California.

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20 _____
L. Timothy Fisher

EXHIBIT A

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN JOSE DIVISION

FACEBOOK, INC. :
Plaintiff, :
:
v. :

POWER VENTURES, INC. d/b/a:
POWER.COM, a California :
corporation; POWER : Case No.
VENTURES, INC. a Cayman : 5:08-CV-05780
Island Corporation, STEVE : JW (HRL)
VACHANI, an individual; :
DOE 1, d/b/a POWER.COM, an:
individual and/or business:
entity of unknown nature; :
DOES 2 through 25, :
inclusive, individuals :
and/or business entities :
of unknown nature, :
Defendants. :

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1 Videotaped Deposition of STEVEN VACHANI
2 taken on behalf of the Plaintiff at the offices of
3 BURSOR & FISHER, P.A., 369 Lexington Avenue, New
4 York, New York, on Wednesday, July 20, 2011,
5 commencing at 9:47 in the forenoon before PATRICIA
6 MULLIGAN CARRUTHERS, a Certified Court Reporter and
7 Notary Public of the State of New Jersey and Notary
8 Public of the State of New York.

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20 Peter Ledwith, Videographer

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1	Q.	Does Myspace have friends list?	11:47
2	A.	They have friends list, yes.	11:47
3	Q.	Do they refer to them as friends?	11:47
4	A.	I don't know what they -- what	11:47
5		they have -- I would assume they call them friends.	11:47
6	Q.	Do you know if all the social	11:47
7		networks use the same terminology to describe the	11:47
8		content that is made available to their user?	11:47
9	A.	What terminology they use and what	11:47
10		terminology we use internally is irrelevant. It's	11:47
11		what it's actually doing. It's getting friends	11:47
12		list. If they want to call it pals or something	11:47
13		else, it doesn't change our, you know, our -- what	11:47
14		we have here. It's just a -- It's a -- It's doing	11:47
15		the same thing.	11:47
16	Q.	All right. If you want to	11:47
17		initiate a communication through the Web site, for	11:47
18		instance, www.facebook.com, is there a function in	11:48
19		the PowerScript that permits that communication to	11:48
20		occur?	11:48
21	A.	If a user is validly logged into	11:48
22		their account with full capability and they want --	11:48
23		they want to send a message to a friend, they --	11:48
24		they can send a message to a friend just like they	11:48
25		can -- just like on Facebook sends messages to	11:48

1 billions of friends that are instructed by the 11:48
2 users. Facebook has been doing that for -- for a 11:48
3 long time. 11:48

4 Q. Whose system is sending the 11:48
5 message, Facebook or Power's in that situation? 11:48

6 A. Facebook. 11:48

7 Q. All right. How is Facebook 11:48
8 instructed to send the message? 11:48

9 A. The user is instructing the 11:48
10 message to be sent. 11:48

11 Q. How is the user instructing the 11:48
12 message to be sent when they're logged into the 11:48
13 www.power.com Web site. 11:48

14 A. It's a browser. Power.com is a -- 11:48
15 is a -- for practical purposes, it's a browser just 11:49
16 like Explorer. Obviously, it's a different -- It's 11:49
17 a Web page browser, so it's a browser within a 11:49
18 browser, but you -- they're -- they're logged into 11:49
19 Facebook. They're using Facebook site. They're on 11:49
20 the Facebook site and they're interacting with 11:49
21 Facebook just as they do on a day-to-day basis. 11:49
22 Just like if you turned on your browser and then 11:49
23 you go to Facebook, you're using the browser and 11:49
24 then you still go to Facebook. The best way to 11:49
25 think is Power browser is the way that they're 11:49

1 Q. And their Facebook ID, for 11:53
2 instance, is a variable associated with the 11:53
3 power.com ID. Correct? 11:53

4 A. They would have given their user 11:53
5 name, their user name and password to Facebook 11:53
6 which the user has authorized and wants to store 11:53
7 with us in a secure manner. That's correct. 11:53

8 Q. But my question was: In your 11:53
9 database, the users' Facebook ID will be referenced 11:53
10 as a variable associated with the user ID of the 11:53
11 power.com Web site. Correct? 11:53

12 A. It would be referred to -- Yes. 11:53
13 Some unique ID and then their Facebook. Usually, 11:53
14 it's their log in user name and password. 11:53

15 Q. And the log in information is also 11:53
16 simply a variable associated with the power.com ID 11:53
17 of that user. Correct? 11:53

18 A. The log in information is a 11:54
19 combination of that unique ID and the information 11:54
20 that they have uniquely shared saying this is my 11:54
21 user name and password for Facebook when they log 11:54
22 in. 11:54

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. So both of those pieces of 11:54
25 information. 11:54

1 Q. So when the user logs into 11:54
2 power.com, the user ID associated with that user in 11:54
3 your database recognizes the registration 11:54
4 credentials in its own database that go to 11:54
5 Facebook. Correct? 11:54

6 A. That's correct. The user said 11:54
7 this is my Facebook user name and password. I 11:54
8 would authorize you to access that on my behalf. 11:54

9 Q. And then you just said "access on 11:54
10 my behalf." It's actually the power.com Web site 11:54
11 that makes the connection to Facebook. Correct? 11:54

12 A. Well, the user is the one -- Yeah. 11:54
13 It gives that and then accesses it. It's very 11:54
14 similar if he's on Facebook and he says access my 11:54
15 other site, Facebook then accesses it on behalf of 11:54
16 the user at their instruction. It's exact same, 11:55
17 you know, methodology. 11:55

18 Q. But it is the power.com Web site 11:55
19 that is actually contacting Facebook. Correct? 11:55

20 A. Yes. Well, it's the -- they're -- 11:55
21 they're at Power. They're inside power.com sites 11:55
22 so they're instructing Power to get or access 11:55
23 information. 11:55

24 Q. Do you consider Google to be a 11:55
25 browser? 11:55

1 you would be invited to ask your friends to join 02:37
2 power.com? 02:37

3 A. No. You would have the option to 02:37
4 invite your friends to join just like you have the 02:37
5 option on Facebook to invite your friends to join 02:37
6 Facebook and every other site on the Internet, and 02:37
7 if they did, if they reach a hundred friends that 02:37
8 joined, they would earn \$100. 02:37

9 Q. And if you accepted the feature 02:37
10 that came up saying would you -- it said something 02:37
11 like, "Would you like to invite your friends to 02:37
12 Power"? 02:37

13 A. Yes. 02:37

14 Q. If you hit "yes" or "I agree" -- 02:37

15 A. Yes. 02:37

16 Q. -- how -- what -- what 02:37
17 automation would occur at that point? 02:37

18 A. So first of all, you have to 02:37
19 remember that 99 percent of our users were not -- 02:38
20 were not using -- were not using Facebook. They 02:38
21 were users on other sites, so we actually -- I 02:38
22 guess you could say we were actually a big source 02:38
23 of providing users to Facebook in Brazil. In fact, 02:38
24 as -- I guess you could say it was a gift, but we 02:38
25 -- we brought a large amount of Orkut users to 02:38

Facebook, so that's where a lot of our promotions were -- Because our users already, as you know, have -- Prior to having Facebook, we had millions of users who have hundreds of friends already in the system, and that represented 99 percent of our contacts in our system. Facebook was a very small part of this world. At that time, obviously it's a much larger site today but in our world, in our growth it was -- it was introduced later. So we were encouraging our friends -- our users to go and register at Facebook and become Facebook users. Because in our -- in our view, the more social networks that users were using, the more value it would be to, you know, to aggregate different sites. So we encouraged users to sign up for Facebook. In fact, we're giving free marketing to Facebook. So to answer your question, a lot of these users -- You could see all your friends from all your sites and say, "Hey. Join Facebook when you're at Facebook." That was a big part of our promotions. That was the largest part of our promotions. And then, of course, if they have friends that are already using Facebook -- Facebook and they wanted to invite their friends to come use Power, that's the smaller part. But the biggest

1 technically it was -- it was much easier just to 02:42
2 manually look and I believe -- We can see how many 02:42
3 friends people invited so -- and then we just 02:42
4 manually took those people out. I think they were 02:42
5 -- When we provided it, I think there might have 02:42
6 been 30 or 40 people that achieved it, so it was 02:42
7 literally just looked on the list of people who 02:42
8 invited friends to Power who had more than a 02:42
9 hundred. 02:43

10 Q. All right. But when say, "looked 02:43
11 on the list" you were looking in a database table. 02:43
12 Correct? 02:43

13 A. Yeah. We went to our database. 02:43
14 Importing friends is a -- is a feature. It's a -- 02:43
15 It's a -- As I mentioned many times, it's one of 02:43
16 our features on our site. 02:43

17 Q. And in order to see how the 02:43
18 promotion was set up in terms of identification of 02:43
19 those who were participating in it, I'd need to see 02:43
20 the database. Correct? 02:43

21 A. To see the -- Every single user on 02:43
22 our site has the option to invite friends. Who 02:43
23 achieved a hundred, I can tell you. I don't know 02:43
24 the number but it was 30 something people that 02:43
25 received -- that reached a hundred friends, so I 02:43

1 can tell you that every single user of our site had 02:43
2 the ability to invite friends. And if -- if some 02:43
3 of them reached a hundred, which was obviously not 02:43
4 an easy task to reach, they would -- they would win 02:43
5 this award, so I think only 30 something people 02:43
6 reached it, if I -- if I remember correctly. 02:43

7 Q. All right.

8 A. So I don't know if that answers 02:44
9 your question correctly. 02:44

10 Q. What data was -- Whether it was 02:44
11 automatedly or manually viewed, what data was 02:44
12 viewed in order to determine who had invited 100 02:44
13 friends to join Facebook? 02:44

14 A. Well, it's -- In the same -- When 02:44
15 any site creates an import or invitation, when a 02:44
16 friend registers because of your invitation, you 02:44
17 know this is -- This is a feature that was in our 02:44
18 site, always in our site. We know how many friends 02:44
19 were invited. We know how many friends were 02:44
20 converted. Just as Facebook publicly displays it 02:44
21 on their site and every other site does that. So 02:44
22 we just looked and saw the people that were above 02:44
23 the hundred on that date, and we -- and we -- and 02:44
24 we gave them a hundred dollar check. 02:44

25 Q. And when you say you looked, you 02:44

1 Q. At this point, I haven't even 02:46
2 talked about E mail. All I meant is at the point 02:46
3 at which someone said yes they'd like to invite 02:46
4 their friends, the database would then recognize, 02:46
5 using its importer function and the idea of the 02:46
6 registered user Power, who the friends were. 02:46
7 Correct? 02:46

8 A. It would show you a list of all 02:46
9 your friends, yes, from your friends list. 02:46

10 Q. And the invitation to join was 02:46
11 then automatically forwarded to those friends 02:46
12 whether through E mail if you're on Orkut or some 02:46
13 other way on Facebook. Correct? 02:46

14 A. A user had to say, "I want to 02:46
15 invite this friend," so it's -- An authorized user 02:46
16 said, "Yes, these are my friends, and these are the 02:46
17 friends I want to invite to this site." That is 02:46
18 correct. 02:46

19 Q. All right. And at that point, an 02:46
20 automated script would contact whatever friends 02:46
21 were identified. Correct? 02:46

22 A. Depends on -- So if the friend was 02:46
23 a non-- Facebook did not provide E mails. If the 02:46
24 friend was, like, on another site and they had the 02:47
25 E mail, they could -- they could send on E mail 02:47

1 friend. They could create an event or they could 03:01
2 go and, I guess, take that link up and paste it and 03:01
3 write an E mail to their friend. 03:01

4 Q. Was one of the ways that Power was 03:01
5 able to make the invitation available to Facebook 03:01
6 users is that the PowerScript would set up an event 03:01
7 on Facebook on behalf of the user who had clicked 03:01
8 on -- 03:01

9 A. If the user authorized for the 03:01
10 creation of the event, yes. 03:01

11 Q. And if the -- How did the -- How 03:01
12 did Power know it was to set up an event as opposed 03:01
13 to any other way of communicating -- 03:01

14 A. Because the user said, "Create an 03:01
15 event for me," so user authorized the creation of 03:01
16 an event. 03:01

17 Q. Was that made available on the 03:01
18 promotion -- on the pop-up that made -- would come 03:01
19 up -- 03:02

20 A. That was -- As I said, if you 03:02
21 clicked that, that was one of the options that the 03:02
22 user had an option to create an event. 03:02

23 Q. What other options did the user 03:02
24 have? We can take a break here. 03:02

25 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: It's 3:01. Off 03:02

1 Q. And it was sued, in part, because 04:41
2 of Facebook's allegations relating to how this 04:41
3 launch promotion was employed. Correct? 04:41

4 A. I don't know what Facebook made 04:41
5 allegations to is right there. 04:41

6 Q. Earlier you said that Facebook is 04:41
7 responsible for sending the E mail notification 04:41
8 about the invite. 04:41

9 A. Yeah. That was sent by Facebook 04:41
10 servers. 04:42

11 Q. But Facebook's E mail servers 04:42
12 would not send the invite, but for the initiation 04:42
13 of the event. Correct? 04:42

14 A. A user has to authorize -- A user 04:42
15 has to create an event for Facebook to do that and 04:42
16 a user has to log in with their user name and 04:42
17 password and do this, so Facebook authorizes its 04:42
18 users to create events as part of their -- That's 04:42
19 the relationship Facebook has with its users. 04:42

20 Q. You indicated some of the events 04:42
21 are set up through the automated scripted? 04:42

22 A. No. What I indicated is that 04:42
23 users -- users created these events. Whether the 04:42
24 user authorized -- whether they authorized an agent 04:42
25 to go do it for them or they did it, it's the same 04:42

1 thing. It's initiated by the user, that's what we
2 know.

3 Q. The automated script, though, is
4 operated by power.com?

5 A. It's a -- An automated script for
6 PowerScript, are initiated by users and executed by
7 power.com in the same way that an exporter is
8 initiated by user and managed by the site that's
9 doing it on behalf of the user. Did you get that?
10 Yes.

11 (Whereupon, Exhibit 107 is marked
12 for identification by the reporter.)

13 Q. Mr. Vachani, Exhibit 107 is
14 Exhibit A to the first amended complaint that was
15 106. Have you seen this document before today?

16 A. What is this document I'm looking
17 at?

18 Q. Exhibit A to the first amended
19 complaint.

20 A. Is this the Facebook Terms and
21 Conditions?

22 Q. Yes.

23 A. I have -- Vaguely -- I've seen
24 this before, yes. I don't know if I've seen this
25 specific version. I've read the Facebook Terms and

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1 Q. Do you see where it says,
2 "Meanwhile, as you may know, Facebook has taken
3 technical measures to limit the interaction between
4 power.com and its network at this time"?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Do you know what technical
7 measures are being referred to there?

8 A. I don't.

9 Q. Do you know if Facebook ever
10 instituted an IP block Facebook -- on power.com's
11 IP addresses?

12 A. Power.com has hundreds of IP
13 addresses and they rotate so it would have -- it
14 would have refreshed -- Normally as we do, we had a
15 whole database, hundreds maybe even more IP
16 addresses.

17 Q. Does power.com employ proxy
18 servers?

19 A. We had proxy servers, yes.

20 Q. Were some of those hundred of IP
21 addresses the IP addresses of --

22 A. They were Amazon actually --
23 because Amazon it refreshes IPs and there were many
24 other -- We had a bank of, you know -- of proxies
25 it was around -- constantly updating IPs.

1 Q. My question was: Were any of the 05:56
2 IPs addresses you were referring to that power.com 05:56
3 employed proxy servers. IP addresses or IP proxy 05:56
4 servers? 05:56

5 A. For -- I believe -- What do you 05:56
6 mean by "proxy servers." 05:56

7 Q. Would they be servers that would 05:56
8 employ a different IP address than the IP address 05:56
9 which was contacting them? 05:56

10 A. The -- Amazon as they're aware was 05:56
11 one of the primary sources of the IP addresses, and 05:56
12 Amazon has a wide range. It's pretty dynamic 05:56
13 because they have in the cloud we were implementing 05:56
14 there -- we were utilizing Amazon cloud along with 05:56
15 four other different sources of -- There was a 05:56
16 pretty wide range of IPs in our system. 05:57

17 Q. Where would the documentation 05:57
18 exist that shows me what IP addresses were employed 05:57
19 by Power as of December 17, 2008? 05:57

20 A. I believe IP addresses are dynamic 05:57
21 and constantly changing. It wouldn't be something 05:57
22 we would document. 05:57

23 Q. IP addresses also are assigned in 05:57
24 ranges. Correct? 05:57

25 A. I believe so. I don't know 05:57

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, PATRICIA MULLIGAN CARRUTHERS, a
Certified Court Reporter and Notary Public of the
State of New Jersey and a Notary Public of the
State of New York, do hereby certify that prior to
the commencement of the examination the witness was
sworn by me to testify as to the truth, the whole
truth, and nothing but the truth.

I do further certify that the foregoing is
a true and accurate transcript of the testimony as
taken stenographically by and before me at the
time, place, and on the date hereinbefore set
forth.

I do further certify that I am neither of
counsel nor attorney for any party in this action
and that I am not interested in the event nor
outcome of this litigation.

Patricia Mulligan Carruthers, CCR
Certificate No. XI00780
Notary Public of the State of New York
Notary Public of the State of New Jersey

Dated: JULY 27, 2011

My commission expires October 28, 2015. (N.J.)

My commission expires December 21, 2013. (N.Y.)

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3 I, STEVEN VACHIANI, do hereby
4 certify that I have read the foregoing transcript
5 of my testimony taken on July 20, 2011, and have
6 signed it subject to the following changes:
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